

(b) MARAD may also approve one of the proposed deepwater ports if it determines that that port will best serve the national interest. In making this determination, MARAD considers:

(1) The degree to which each deepwater port will affect the environment, as determined under the review criteria in subpart G to this part;

(2) The differences between the anticipated completion dates of the deepwater ports; and

(3) The differences in costs for construction and operation of the ports that would be passed on to consumers of oil.

(c) This section does not apply to applications for natural gas deepwater ports.

**§ 148.283 When is the application process stopped before the application is approved or denied?**

The Commandant (CG–5) recommends to MARAD that the application process be suspended before the application is approved or denied if:

(a) All applications are withdrawn before MARAD approves one of them; or

(b) There is only one application; it is incomplete, and the applicant does not respond to a request by the Commandant (CG–5) for further information, as per § 148.107.

**Subpart D—Licenses**

**§ 148.300 What does this subpart concern?**

This subpart concerns the license for a deepwater port and the procedures for transferring, amending, suspending, reinstating, revoking, and enforcing a license.

**§ 148.305 What is included in a deepwater port license?**

A deepwater port license contains information about the licensee and the port, and any conditions of its own or of another agency that may be described by MARAD in the license. Licenses are issued in conformance with the Deepwater Ports Act of 1974, as amended, and with rules and policies of MARAD that implement that Act.

**§ 148.307 Who may consult with the Commandant (CG–5) and the MARAD Administrator on developing the proposed conditions of a license?**

Federal agencies, the adjacent coastal States, and the owner of the deepwater port may consult with the Commandant (CG–5) and the MARAD Administrator on the conditions of the license being developed under 33 U.S.C. 1503(e).

**§ 148.310 How long does a license last?**

Each license remains in effect indefinitely subject to the following:

(a) If it is suspended or revoked by MARAD;

(b) If it is surrendered by the owner; or

(c) As otherwise provided by condition of the license.

**§ 148.315 How is a license amended, transferred, or reinstated?**

(a) MARAD may amend, transfer, or reinstate a license if it finds that the amendment, transfer, or reinstatement is consistent with the requirements of the Act and this subchapter.

(b) The owner must submit a request for an amendment, transfer, or reinstatement to the Commandant (CG–5) or the MARAD Administrator.

**§ 148.320 How is a license enforced, suspended, or revoked?**

MARAD may enforce, suspend, or revoke a license under 33 U.S.C. 1507(c).

**§ 148.325 How soon after port decommissioning must the licensee initiate removal?**

Within 2 years of port decommissioning, the licensee must initiate removal procedures. The Commandant (CG–5) will advise and coordinate with appropriate Federal agencies and the States concerning activities covered by this section.

**Subpart E—Site Evaluation and Pre-Construction Testing**

**§ 148.400 What does this subpart do?**

(a) This subpart prescribes requirements under 33 U.S.C. 1504(b) for the activities that are involved in site